Free education to females

1741. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider providing free education to all the females students;

(b) if so, upto which standard; and

(c) whether it would have some criterion or would be available to all?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) A scheme to provide free education to girls/women is under finalisation. The proposed scheme would cover the entire range of women's education upto graduation levels, excluding professional courses. The scheme has all India coverage with specific focus on Educationally Backward Blocks and disadvantaged groups of girls/women.

Inadequate salary to primary school teachers

1742. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that primary school teachers are not being paid adequate salary;

(b) whether it is also a fact that private schools do not pay the prescribed pay scales to their teachers;

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that poor salary of the teachers is one of the reasons for the poor quality of primary education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No, Sir. In fact the pay scales of primary school teachers have been upgraded by the Fifth Pay Commission.

(b) The private schools fall under the purview of the respective State Governments. The service conditions of their teachers are regulated by the concerned States in accordance with their Education Act/Rules.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.